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## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1940-1941.

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THE MAYOR OF FALMOUTH (COUNCILLOR R. E. GILL).

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## STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

*Medical Officer of Health :*

C. B. LANYON, M.D. (LOND.)

*Sanitary Inspector :*

A. HEY, M.S.I.A., F.R.S.I.

*Assistant Sanitary Inspector :*

G. BARNARD.

*Health Visitors and School Nurses :*

MISS C. TRUSCOTT, S.R.N., S.C.M.

MISS M. L. BENNETTS, S.R.N., S.C.M.

*Pupil Sanitary Inspectors :*

P. C. DEEBLE.

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*To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough  
of Falmouth.*

17th November, 1941.

Gentlemen,

The following report is prepared in accordance with instructions given in Circular 2314, issued by the Ministry of Health, dated 26th March, 1941, and owing to increasing pressure of work in the Health Department will be in abridged form.

Records of all sanitary improvements have been kept up-to-date and whilst the subject of Evacuation has taken

up most of the time a large number of nuisances have been abated; visits to Infectious Cases and disinfection services have been fully maintained.

There has been marked activity in the inspection of Seamen's Lodging Houses and numerous calls on shop-keepers re the administration of the Shops Acts, and several improvements made.

The question of Salvage has been tackled with vigour, and details of this subject will be found under the heading of Public Cleansing.

The department has also been made responsible for dealing with Gas Contaminated Foodstuffs and a Main and Reserve Squad has been formed.

## SECTION A

### Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres)	.. .. .	1,893
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, 1940, for Statistics	..	16,360
Population Census (1931)	.. .. .	13,492
Number of Inhabited Houses, 1931	..	2,916
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1940) according to Rate Books	.. .. .	4,074
Rateable Value, 1940	.. .. .	£152,782
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	.. .. .	£585 5s. 10d.
		(Subject to Audit)

### Vital Statistics.

		Total	Male	Female
<i>Live Births</i>	.. Legitimate	203	96	107
	.. Illegitimate	12	9	3
		—	—	—
		215	105	110

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population : 13.14. England and Wales : 14.6.

		Total	Male	Female
<i>Still Births</i>	.. Legitimate	8	2	6
	.. Illegitimate	—	—	—
		—	—	—
		8	2	6

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births—35.87.

	Total	Male	Female
<i>Deaths</i> .. .. .	219	110	109

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population :  
13.39. England and Wales : 14.3.

Deaths from puerperal causes :—

	Deaths.	Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births.
Puerperal sepsis .. .. .	1	4.37
Other Maternal causes .. .. .	1	4.37
Total .. .. .	2	8.74

Deaths of Infants under one year of age :—

Legitimate, 9 ; Illegitimate, 2 ; total, 11.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 live births .. 49.77

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate  
live births .. .. . 43.06

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate  
live births .. .. . 166.67

England and Wales (Deaths under one  
year of age) .. .. . 55

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) .. .. 22

Deaths from Measles (all ages) .. .. —

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) .. .. —

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of  
age) .. .. . —

### **Maternal Mortality.**

Pathological investigations are carried out through Dr. Hocking in cases of Puerperal Pyrexia when considered necessary.

When home conditions are unsatisfactory, and in cases of abnormality, arrangements have been made with the Cornwall County Council to admit these to their Maternity Ward at Redruth Hospital.

### **Dental Treatment.**

Two sessions are now held weekly.

### **Housing.**

Five cases of overcrowding have been abated during the year, two of which were from Council Houses, making the total number of cases of overcrowding in the Borough at the end of year six, four of which are in houses owned by the Local Authority.

### **Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious Diseases.**

Scarlet Fever of a mild variety has been very prevalent, but complications have been very few.

The Council has adopted a plan for immunising the child population against diphtheria between the ages of 1 and 15.

The method employed is two doses, one of .2 c.c. and at least four weeks later, the second dose of .5 c.c., the material used being alum precipitated toxoid.

The injections are carried out at the local Welfare Centre and the help of General Practitioners is being solicited in the last lot of immunisation until the main bulk has been done.



# Notifiable Diseases in 1940.

DISEASE.	No. of Cases Notified.	AGE AT NOTIFICATION.											No. of Cases Admitted to Hospital.
		0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	
Small Pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	26	...	...	1	4	3	14	3	1	...	1	...	...
Diphtheria	7	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(including Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia	11	...	2	2	1	1	1	...	1	2	1	...	16
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Encephalitis Lethargica	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	...	...	...
Dysentery	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Fever	4	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	4
Malaria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles	47	3	...	2	7	6	12	4	3	10	...	...	...
Whooping Cough	9	1	1	1	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...

**Tuberculosis.**

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—
25	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—
35	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
45	1	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
55	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
65 and upwards	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Totals	7	4	4	1	4	2	1	—

**PUBLIC CLEANSING.**

(1st April, 1940 to 31st March, 1941.)

The subject of Refuse Collection has been considerably increased in importance by the introduction of salving as much material as possible, the Council being under a Direction from the Ministry of Supply to Salvage certain articles, which has necessitated a slight increase in labour.

There has also been an extra call for Refuse Collections apart from Salvage, which has also meant more hired transport and labour.

Instead of collecting refuse twice weekly, as in the past, the system has been divided between Salvage and Refuse Collection, the first three days of the week being devoted to the former and the last three days to the latter, this has assured every house being visited once weekly for each



*Receipts—*

(a) For Collection of Refuse	£50	0	0
(b) Removing Clinker, etc., from Destructor .. ..	100	0	0

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Total of Receipts .. .. £150 0 0

Leaving the net Cost of Disposal .. .. 158 15 2  
(as compared with £224 17s. 3d. last year)

**Emptying of Cesspools.**

This work is carried out by a Dodge 350 gallon Cesspool Emptier, which is also used for the cleansing of road gullies, sewer flushing, etc.

The Total Cost of these Services amounts to	£434	19	9
Receipts for hire of Cesspool Emptier .. ..	24	2	9

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Leaving a net cost of .. .. £410 17 0

In concluding this report, we desire to express our sincere appreciation of the support received during the year from the Sanitary and other Committees, our best thanks to the staff, one and all, for their loyalty, zeal and devotion, and for the able and energetic manner in which they have, at all times, discharged their many and onerous duties, often under very trying conditions.

Your obedient servants,

C. B. LANYON, Medical Officer of Health.

A. HEY, Sanitary Inspector.



